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OCHAKOV AIRFIELD, USSR

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE PRESENCE OF THE OUTLINE OF A SOVIET SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF (RO/RO) SHIP AT THIS AIRFIELD INDICATES THAT COMPATIBILITY TESTING FOR RO/RO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT HAS PROBABLY BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT PILOT TRAINING HAS BEGUN. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE SHIP OUTLINE, WHICH INCLUDES A REPRESENTATION OF A VSTOL PAD, A HELICOPTER LANDING SPOT, AND A DETAILED OUTLINE OF THE SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS MERSHIP IS IN A GRASSY AREA AT THE EAST END OF THE AIRFIELD. THE OUTLINE WAS NOT PRESENT ON [REDACTED] (SWN)

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AIRCRAFT AND RO/RO SHIP COMPATIBILITY TESTING WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AT SEVASTOPOL NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD KILENBAL [REDACTED] A SOVIET SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS RO/RO SHIP HAD BEEN MODIFIED FOR VSTOL AND HELICOPTER USE. THE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDED A RECTANGULAR TAKE-OFF/LANDING PAD AND ALIGNMENT MARKINGS. IN RELATED ACTIVITY, THE OUTLINE OF A SHIP, SIMILAR TO THE SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS, WAS PAINTED AROUND TWO OF THE FOUR VSTOL PADS AT SAKI AIRFIELD [REDACTED] (SWN)

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THE PRESENCE OF THE SHIP OUTLINES AT OCHAKOV AND AT SAKI SUGGESTS THAT, WITH MODIFICATIONS, THE 50 RO/RO SHIPS OF DIFFERENT SIZES AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIETS, WOULD BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING BOTH FORGER AIRCRAFT AND HELIX/HORMONE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. FORGER PILOT TRAINING ASSOCIATED WITH RO/RO MERSHIP OPERATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SAKI AIRFIELD, WHILE HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE AT OCHAKOV AIRFIELD. (SWN)

OCHAKOV AIRFIELD, ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE BLACK SEA APPROXIMATELY 110 NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SAKI AND APPROXIMATELY 140 NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SEVASTOPOL, SUPPORTS AN SNA ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE HELICOPTER TRAINING UNIT. (SWN)

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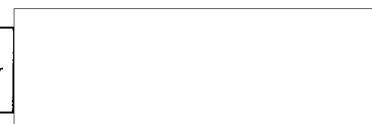
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